

BOARD FOR HEARING AID SPECIALISTS

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists met on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at the Offices of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 3600 West Board Street, 4th Floor, Richmond, Virginia. The following members were present:

Thomas M. Frank, Chair
Harry W. Kessler, Vice-Chair
Kathy J. Harvey
Olivia L. Kearney
Richard E. Linde, M.D.
Matthew J. Myrick
Teresa M. Robinson

DPOR staff present for all or part of the meeting included:

Jay W. DeBoer, Director
Karen W. O'Neal, Deputy Director for Licensing & Regulations Division
Steven L. Arthur, Deputy Director of Administration & Finance
William H. Ferguson, II, Executive Director
Zelda D. Williams, Board Administrator
Tonie Robinson, Examinations Manager, Office of Education and Examination
Earlyne B. Perkins, Legal Analyst
Tamika Watson, Administrative Assistant

There was not a representative present from the Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Frank determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to **Call to Order** order at 9:10 a.m.

Upon a motion by Ms. Kearney and seconded by Ms. Harvey the Board **Approval of Agenda** voted to approve the agenda.

The members voting 'yes' were Mr. Frank, Ms. Harvey, Ms. Kearney, Mr. Kessler, Dr. Linde, Mr. Myrick, and Ms. Robinson..

There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Frank asked if there was any public comment. There was no public comment. **Public Comment Period**

Upon a motion by Ms. Robinson and seconded by Ms. Kearney, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the: **Approval of Minutes for**

May 12, 2005 Informal Fact-Finding Conference, as written
June 9, 2005 Informal Fact-Finding Conference, as written
August 18, 2006 Informal Fact-Finding Conference, as written
November 15, 2006 Board for Hearing Aid Specialist board meeting, as amended

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The members voting 'yes' were Mr. Frank, Ms. Harvey, Ms. Kearney, Mr. Kessler, Dr. Linde, Mr. Myrick, and Ms. Robinson. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Robinson leaves the meeting

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In the matter of **File Number 2006-04999, Board v. Simmons, Robert**, the Board reviewed the record, which consisted of the application file, transcript, exhibits, and the Summary of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference. Mr. Simmons, appeared at the board meeting and addressed the Board.

File Number:
2006-04999
Simmons, Robert R.

Upon a motion by Dr. Linde and seconded by Ms. Harvey, the Board voted to reject the recommendations of the presiding Board member of the Informal Fact Finding Conference and close the file with finding of no violation.

The members voting 'yes' were Ms. Harvey, Mr. Kessler, Dr. Linde, and Mr. Myrick. The members voting 'no' were Mr. Frank and Ms. Kearney. The motion passed by majority vote.

Ms. Robinson returns to the meeting

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The Board discussed examinations that practitioners take to obtain certification and licensure from private associations and public agencies. The Board agreed that the examination that is administered by the Board is the examination that an applicant must pass in order to obtain licensure in Virginia.

Exam

The Board reviewed its examination statistics for informational purposes. Ms. Tonie Robinson provided explanation to questions from the Board pertaining to examination statistics.

Examination
Statistics

The Board reviewed its quarterly statistics for informational purposes.

Quarterly Statistics

For informational purposes, the Board reviewed the Board for Audiology and Speech Language Pathology May 24, 2007 general board meeting unapproved minutes.

Board of Audiology
and Speech-
Language Pathology

Steve Arthur gave an overview of DPOR's upcoming move from 3600 **Location**
West Broad Street to 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400.

The Board recessed at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened at 11:32 a.m. **Break**

**Other Board
Business**

Board members completed the required Conflict of Interest training via **Conflict of Interest**
the Office of Attorney General's Conflict of Interest training DVD. **Training**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at **Adjourn**
12:50 p.m.

Thomas M. Frank, Chair

Jay W. DeBoer, Secretary

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